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SUBJECT: REFUGEES EX-USSR PROCEEDING TO RESETTLEMENT
COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ISRAEL - USRP

1. PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED A FY 1977 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET
REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE SUBJECT PROGRAM, AND DEPARTMENT HAS
AGREED TO INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN THE REGULAR USRP
BUDGET FOR FY 1978. SUPPLEMENTAL HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO
CONGRESS BUT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FY 1978 AT THIS STAGE
CANNOT BE REVEALED OUTSIDE OFFICIAL FAMILY.

2. GIVEN THE SOUND BASIS FOR USG'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR
THIS PROGRAM, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST
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WILL RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BUT UNLESS CONGRESS

RECONVENES AFTER SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT THIS WEEK - WHICH NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY - ACTION CANNOT BE TAKEN UNTIL NEW CONGRESS CONVENES IN JANUARY AND NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION HEARINGS ARE HELD. PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT FUNDING FOR THIS PARTICULAR REFUGEE ACTIVITY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CY 1977, WE ARE NEVERTHELESS COMMITTED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY IN THE PROGRAM WITH EMPHASIS ON THE RAPID RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO THE OBJECTIVE OF GETTING

OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF THE FREE WORLD TO ASSUME A GREATER SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF ASSISTING REFUGEES FROM COMMUNIST-DOMINATED COUNTRIES. AS MISSION IS AWARE, ICEM DIRECTOR HAS LAUNCHED AN APPEAL IN THIS REGARD TO ICEM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AT OUR REQUEST. THE USDEL TO UPCOMING SESSION OF ICEM GOVERNING BODIES WILL PURSUE THIS MATTER.

3. MISSION SHOULD OFFICIALLY NOTIFY VOLAG CONTRACTING PARTNERS AT EARLY DATE THAT UNLESS SOME PRESENTLY UNFORESEEN ACTION IS TAKEN BY CONGRESS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM, NONE WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER DECEMBER 31 OF THIS YEAR UNTIL ACTION IS TAKEN ON NEW SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST. WE CANNOT USE EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ANY EVENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF ALL USRP ELIGIBLE REFUGEES REGARDLESS OF THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN THE DOLLARS 300 PER CAPITA RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT GRANTS FOR REFUGEES EX-USSR BEING RESETTLED IN USA WILL BE DISCONTINUED UNDER NEW PROGRAM AS WILL SPECIAL BAGGAGE ALLOWANCES FOR REFUGEES EX-USSR. WE ARE ADVISING VOLAG'S HERE ALONG SIMILAR LINES. ROBINSON

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